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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Bautzen-Litten Airfield and Hungarian Kasernes in BautzenEVALUATION see below [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. In late [REDACTED] 1953, [REDACTED] both ends of the runway at Bautzen-Litten airfield were being marked by white signs, apparently in the form of circles. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] the runway had a width of 64 meters. Construction work at the field continued. Equipment seen included 2 steam rollers and 2 water carts. The glazed tower of the flight control station was occupied by a soldier. A mast, about 10 meters high, fitted with some white balls or cups was observed near the flight control station. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 2. Contrary to previously reported observations, [REDACTED] in early [REDACTED] three two-wire telephone lines, fitted on poles and trees, extended from Bautzen to Litten airfield. Since 28 September, the Knecht Kollwitz Strasse near the Hungarian Kaserne has been blocked. 25X1

3. No aircraft movements were observed at the field. The fuel dump consisted of three groups of containers of which one group had four containers and the two others five containers each. 25X1

25X1 4. On [REDACTED] 10 to 12 single-engine monoplanes were parked on the landing field. [REDACTED] these aircraft had landed there on 13 October. There was no air activity. 25X1

25X1 5. On [REDACTED] construction work at the field continued. An excavator was observed near kilometer marker 3.3 on the road south of the field. Sand was being hauled to the stretch between kilometer markers 3.7 and 4.8. Between kilometer markers 1.5 and 2.5, the road was being paved. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The exact width of the runway at Bautzen-Litten airfield has not been determined. Estimates vary between 35 and 60 meters. 25X1

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. No information has been received on the construction of anti-aircraft defenses at the field. As it is not expected that operational aircraft will be stationed at Bautzen airfield, it is believed that no 25X1

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shrapnelproof aircraft revetments will be constructed there in the near future. Information received on the number of fuel containers available varies between 7 and 14.

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3. Comments. The presence of Yak-13s is reported for the first time. After the June rebellion, air activity by the VPL has only been conducted at Cotthaus airfield. According to the present report it appears that training activity by the 603d WPL Regt is to start also at Bounwen airfield. Probably, the aircraft transferred from Cotthaus to Lautzen, as information received previously indicates that the number of Yak-13s stationed at Cotthaus has been decreased since mid-October 1953.

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